

About the application

Application number: 2023/90444	
What is the application for?:	Erection of detached dwelling
Address of the site or building:	Land adj, Fern Bank, Far End Lane, Honley, Holmfirth, HD9 6NS
Postcode:	HD9 6RP

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Condition 13 of the outline permission 2019/91370 required the 'provision of a 2-metre-wide footway across the site frontage.' The Delegated Officers Report referred to it being 'a key requirement' for development at this site.

It is disappointing that this application for full planning provides NO footway across the site frontage and not surprising that this has led to objections by neighbours and HV Parish Council.

The omission of this 2m footway demonstrates that the applicant is at odds with relevant Local Plan policies which require designs to prioritise pedestrians.

Far End Lane is a direct route to and from Honley Cricket Club, the Southgate Theatre, and the many local services and amenities in Honley Village. It is therefore a busy thoroughfare.

The current footway provision on Far End Lane is poor. There is currently only a narrow footway on the opposite side of the road to Fern Bank and no footway on the development side.

This is particularly troublesome for users of the footpath between Far End Lane and Woodhead Road which is near the site. This footpath joins Far End Lane in a dangerous manner taking pedestrians directly onto the carriageway. It is used daily by schoolchildren and provides a direct route to the bus services to Huddersfield and Holmfirth on Woodhead Road.

A new 2m footway would remove barriers to pedestrian movement on Far End Lane. It will provide a safe, secure environment which will protect pedestrians from motor vehicles and encourage more people from the local community to walk to/from Honley Village rather than drive. It will also significantly improve Far End Lane's connection to the bus routes on Woodhead Road using the adjacent footpath.

A new footway would also provide a safer environment for pedestrians at the new dwelling - the occupants and visitors – rather than having a boundary at the carriageway edge.

The 2019 owner/applicant was required to provide a 2m footway across the site frontage to secure planning approval. The cost of this planning requirement would have been reflected in the price the current owners paid for no39. There can therefore be no valid argument for omission of the footway on cost grounds.

It was no surprise that the Council conditioned its provision for the 2019 Outline approval.

Planning decisions should be consistent - an application without footway provision should be declined as it not in accordance with Local Plan policy.